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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Hideo YAMAMOTO, et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 18, 2002, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been examined and are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and accept the original drawings filed on November 9, 2001 and indicate such acceptance to Applicants in the next Office communication.

This Response is believed to fully address each point of rejection raised by the Examiner in the non-final Office action, paper number 5, dated December 18, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the